

# **AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS**

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**ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**FUNCTIONAL AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY**

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<b>Agency Name</b>	Arkansas Sentencing Commission
<b>Agency Mission Statement:</b>  The purpose of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission is to establish sentencing standards and to monitor and assess the impact of practices, policies and existing laws on the correctional resources of the State.	

## AGENCY GOAL 1:

To establish sentencing standards which seek to create a balanced correctional system by providing a continuum of sanctions which increase in proportion to the seriousness of the offense and the extent of the offender's criminal history and which are neutral with respect to race, gender, social and economic status.

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<b>Agency Name</b>		Arkansas Sentencing Commission
<b>Program</b>		Arkansas Sentencing Commission Operations
<b>Program Authorization</b>		A.C.A. 16-90-801 et. seq.
<b>Program Definition:</b>  <b>Program Funds-Center Code: <u>0328P01</u></b>		The Arkansas Sentencing Commission is in a unique position to offer quality data analysis of criminal justice laws, policies and practices. The Sentencing Commission, representing the courtroom practitioners reviews the data obtained from the Department of Correction, the Department of Community Correction and the Administrative Office of the Courts from a neutral “criminal justice systems” viewpoint, i.e., the overall picture from the courtroom to the state agency. It is charged with presenting this information to the Governor, the legislature, the judicial council and the public. The Commission collects, monitors and analyzes this information to make recommendations concerning appropriate changes to sentencing laws.
<b>AGENCY GOAL(S)</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Anticipated Funding Sources for the Program:</b>		General Revenue

## GOAL 1:

To establish sentencing standards which help create a balanced correctional system by providing a continuum of sanctions and to monitor and assess the impact of practices, policies and existing laws on the correctional resources of the state.

### **OBJECTIVE 1: (Sub-Funds Center Codes to be assigned by DFA – Accounting)**

To make appropriate revisions to the sentencing standards which are proportional to the seriousness of the offense of conviction and the extent of the offender’s criminal history and develop educational programs in the use of the correctional resources of the state.

#### **STRATEGY 1:**

Gather and evaluate data relative to sentencing laws, policies and practices and their impact on correctional resources of the state (Arkansas Code 16-90-802).

#### **STRATEGY 2:**

Conduct training in the use of the correctional resources of the state.

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## **STRATEGY 3:**

Review and recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in sentencing laws, policies, and practices (Arkansas Code 16-90-802).

## **STRATEGY 4:**

Follow Office of State Procurement rules and regulations.

## **STRATEGY 5:**

Monitor budgetary expenditures in order to prevent overspending.

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<b>Program</b>	Arkansas Sentencing Commission Operations

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES: (Effort, Output, Outcome, and/or Efficiency)

DESCRIPTION	METHODS AND SOURCES USED OBTAINING DATA	FISCAL YEAR 2005	FISCAL YEAR 2006	FISCAL YEAR 2007	FISCAL YEAR 2008	FISCAL YEAR 2009
Review sentencing standards and make appropriate changes if deemed necessary by Commission members. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Comments from criminal justice constituents and advocacy groups; review of case data received from Adm. Office of the Courts	Quarterly review	Quarterly review	Quarterly review	Quarterly review	Quarterly review
Conduct superior training on the correctional resources of the state <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Conduct training seminars Seminar evaluations	At least 1 per quarter Good – high range	At least 1 per qtr Good – high range	At least 1 per qtr Good – high range	At least 1 per qtr Good – high range	At least 1 per qtr Good – high range
Answer constituent inquiries in a timely manner; Institute tracking program to keep track of all inquiries <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Tracking topics of inquiries and person needing the information ( i.e. prosecutor, defense attorney, judge, private citizen)	1 – 2 day turnaround	1 – 2 day turnaround	1 – 2 day turnaround	1 – 2 day turnaround	1 –2 day turnaround
Monitor budgetary expenditures and fiscal practices <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Legislative audits	<2 findings	<2 findings	0	0	0